Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 01 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 02 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 30 Nov 2020 at 15:45 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a change in weather to far colder wintery conditions by Wednesday with accumulations of hill snow likely. Some uncertainty in the forecast later in the week and keeping up to date with the latest forecast is advisable.

Headline for Tuesday 01 Dec 2020: A dry and bright start but soon clouding over with some drizzle and rain later, gales later on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 01 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Cloudy	Dull	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	40%	20%	20%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Tuesday 01 Dec 2020

Weather: Some clear spells overnight but also scattered cloud. Cloud will soon thicken from the west during the day but still but the chance of a few brighter spells in the morning especially further east. For much of the west of the area the cloud will thicken at times during the day to give some drizzly outbreaks and cloud will shroud the tops. Later in the evening a band of rain will move southeast across Scotland, this will mark the change to far colder conditions.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the morning some tops further east will be clear, 70% chance but the Cuillins will soon have some lower cloud around. In the afternoon cloud will lower over most areas to 4-500m.

Visibility: Good visibility for most areas during the morning but this will become moderate or poor in the afternoon in the in drizzly outbreaks.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	12/16 W	11/14 SW	16/21 SW	25/32 SW	32/40 SW	34/43 SW	32/41 SW	32/42 SW	34/45 SW
900	12/15 W	11/13 SW	16/21 SW	24/31 SW	30/39 SW	32/41 SW	30/40 SW	30/40 SW	32/43 SW
600	7/10 W	7/10 SW	9/13 SW	15/23 S	21/29 SW	22/32 SW	22/31 SW	21/31 SW	22/33 SW
300	3/12 NW	1/9 SW	2/12 SW	5/20 SW	8/27 SW	9/30 SW	10/30 SW	9/30 SW	11/33 SW
Glen	5/9 NW	1/3 N	2/7 W	6/17 S	10/23 S	10/21 SW	10/22 SW	13/28 SW	14/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-7	-0/-8	1/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5
900	-1/-6	-0/-5	-0/-6	0/-7	2/-5	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
600	2/-1	2/-1	2/-2	2/-3	4/-2	5/-0	5/-0	5/-0	5/-0
300	3/2	3/2	3/2	4/1	5/2	6/3	7/4	6/4	7/4
Glen	6/4	5/4	6/5	6/4	7/4	9/6	9/6	9/6	9/6
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	1700m	1800m	1600m	1400m	1600m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Freezing level will be low in the morning but rises in the afternoon, it will certainly feel quite cold on the hills especially in the strengthening southwesterly winds and there will be some gale force gusts on munro tops.

Forecast for Wednesday 02 Dec 2020

Weather: A frontal band of rain will push east across Scotland during the early hours of Wednesday, it will be quite weak and should have cleared east by sunrise. Then it will be a bright start with some early sunshine. Showers will readily develop in the west and these will be wintery above 400m, the showers are likely to be heavy and merge at times to give longer spells of snow on the hills and 10-15cm can be expected to accumulate higher on the munros during the day for much of the Northwest Highlands.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 25mph with gusts 35-40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Once the rain has cleared east 50% chance of cloud free tops, during the afternoon in heavier showers, cloud will become broken from 600m.

Visibility: Visibility will be moderate in the early morning rain but soon become good for a time. In wintery showers visibility may fall very quickly and become very poor for a time, navigation may become very tricky in potential white out conditions.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 falling to plus 1 Celsius later in the day.
At 800m: Plus 2 falling to minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 1000m falling to 400m

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